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In re Application of :  
MARIE-CLAUDE GINGRAS, et al. :  
Application No. 10/021,509 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Filed: December 7, 2001 :  
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This is a decision on the petition, filed January 5, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (No Fee), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

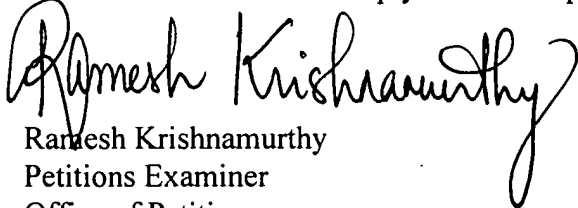
This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action of March 9, 2009, which set a one (1) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before April 9, 2009. A Notice of abandonment was mailed December 31, 2009.

Petitioner contends that the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn as a timely reply was filed on April 2, 2009.

The file record indicates a response to have been filed on April 2, 2009. In view thereof, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application is hereby restored to pending status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4914.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1644 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received April 2, 2009.

  
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